

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Peter Hochberg on 3/29/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### **IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. In claim 11, in line 2, please **delete** "inhibited" and **insert** "decreased".

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not teach or suggest a method influencing the activity of *Helicobacter pylori*, comprising treating *Helicobacter pylori* with an effective amount of a pleuromutilin.

There was no prior art found teaching that pleuromutilins influence the activity of *Helicobacter pylori*. Applicants teach that activity of *Helicobacter pylori* is decreased following administration of an effective amount of a pleuromutilin in the specification on pages 55-56.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Contact Information***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Renee Claytor whose telephone number is (571)272-8394. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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